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Sent: 8/21/2018 11:03:45 PM
To: Skadowski, Suzanne [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1713ed42e6e244bc9fcd783d4a8d39ab-Skadowski, Suzanne]
Subject: RE: MEDIA INQUIRY: Naval Air Station Kitsap-Bremerton sewage release

I tried calling you a couple of times. Are you not at your desk?

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From: Skadowski, Suzanne
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 3:42 PM
To: Grandinetti, Robert <Grandinetti.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: MEDIA INQUIRY: Naval Air Station Kitsap-Bremerton sewage release

I'm free whenever you want to call.

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Yes. I placed a call with you and was going to explain that. It's complicated so I would like to do it over the phone.

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Thank you. This is hard to decipher and our website is not helping.

Is it more complicated by the fact (as reported in Kitsap Sun) the sewage went into their stormwater system?

A blocked sewer line at Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton resulted in an estimated 80,000 gallons of wastewater spilling into Sinclair Inlet during the past two weeks.

The Navy discovered the spill on Aug. 10 after receiving reports of a "sewage-like" odor near the stormwater outfall at Sinclair Inlet and near the Navy Exchange at NBK-Bremerton, said Naval Base Kitsap spokesman Jake Chappelle.

Upon investigation of that smell, Navy public works technicians determined a **blockage in one of the main sewer lines had redirected wastewater into a stormwater vault that overflowed into the outfall near Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.**

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No it is for the following:

is authorized to discharge drydock drainage and noncontact cooling water from outfalls 018 (including 018A and 096) and 019, treated steam plant wastewater from outfall 021, and stormwater runoff, demineralized water, steam condensate, salt water supply system, and potable water from the remaining outfalls.

This is an industrial permit, and the industrial water is separate from the wastewater. Also, above the treated steam plant wastewater is their boiler water (how they heat their facilities and generate electricity, essentially hot water).

Still don't know why it is so old.

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Confused here.

It looks like per our website that the 1999 permit is for a WW treatment plant???

NPDES Permit for Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Wastewater Treatment Plant in Washington

Below are EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) final permit and supporting documents for the U.S. Dept. of Defense Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Wastewater Treatment Plant discharging to Sinclair Inlet in Bremerton, Washington.
Permit number: WA0002062
Effective date: April 1, 1994
Permit expires: April 1, 1999 (administratively extended)

And would it be true to say the 1999 permit is still in effect because it was “administratively extended”?

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Cc: Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Kenknight, Jeff <Kenknight.Jeff@epa.gov>; Levo, Brian <Levo.Brian@epa.gov>; Drabek, John <Drabek.John@epa.gov>
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Ahhh, makes sense. Thank you for clearing that up.

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Rob – the 1999 permit you are referring is for the industrial Stormwater permit. The industrial Stormwater permit doesn't authorize a sewage wastewater treatment plant. That permit is assigned to a permit writer. It is not actively being drafted. Our priorities have shifted to meet our “pending permit directive from HQ” and to work on a few of the more difficult industrial permits in Idaho before that sector is transferred to ID in July 2019.

The blocked sewage line goes to a wastewater treatment plant authorized by Ecology. The domestic wastewater from PSNS goes to Bremerton wastewater treatment plant (authorized by Ecology).

There is not a “Naval Air Station Kitsap-Bremerton” permit

There are three EPA-issued permits for wastewater treatment plant in that area. The blocked sewage was not en route to any of these plants:

- Naval Air Station – Whidbey Island Seaplane Base Wastewater Treatment plant (jurisdiction with Ecology until Dec. 27, 2018). EPA permit was just issued, effective 12/27/2018).
- Naval Air Station – Whidbey Island Ault Field (expired 2/28/2016)
- Naval Base Kitsap Bangor (expired 8/31/2015)

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Susan or Karen,

So we have had some press about the below emails (a spill at the Naval Base in Bremerton), and it looks like the permit expired in 1999. I expect we will get some more questions on why the permit is so old. Can one of you give us a brief synopsis on why the permit is so old? This is also a heads up you might get some calls on it too.

Thank you

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Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 12:48 PM

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Hi Rob,

Per my voicemail, I just had a follow up call from the Bremerton military reporter asking for info and permit docs on the Naval Air Station spill.

(1) Reporter has looked on our website and sees an NPDES permit that says it expired in 2015.

Do we have the current permit, extension, etc?

(2) Reporter says locals are upset that Navy took 4 days to notify anyone.

What are the permit requirements for notification?

timeframe, who they have to notify, are there any penalties or consequences if they are late or don't notify all required parties?

Are they supposed to notify local agencies and orgs too – Kitsap Health, etc.?

Reporter is hoping to get info today for a story tomorrow.

Thanks,

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Thank you Rob!

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I do not have any updates on this yet. I have meetings this afternoon, but will call them tomorrow.

Thank you

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Hi Rob,

Any updates on this from the Navy or on our end.

I've got a new inquiry from Puget Soundkeeper (Puget Sound Partnership called me last week).

Thank you,

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News clip from yesterday's inquiry

Blocked sewer line at Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton spilled an estimated 80,000 gallons of wastewater into Sinclair Inlet Kitsap Sun

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Thank you for the info Jason, much appreciated.

I'll follow up with Rob later.

For now, I'm going to tell the reporter that the Navy notified EPA this week per the requirements of their EPA NPDES permit, we are awaiting a follow up report from the Navy. Will refer reporter to the Navy for more information at this time.

Some earlier news clips in this incident:

[Warning issued after 80000 gallons of sewage spills from Naval Base ... Navy Times](#)

[80000 gallons of sewage flows into Sinclair Inlet Q13 FOX](#)

[80000 gallons of sewage spills into Puget Sound's Sinclair Inlet KING5](#)

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Hi Jason:

Kitsap Sun reporter just called me to ask about a sewage release from the shipyard reported by the Navy yesterday. Reporter says release was reported yesterday but has been ongoing for 2 weeks.

Do we have a regulatory role in this? Reporter was referred to us by Ecology.

When you track down this info, please call me!

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